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Michael Friedman, M.D.  
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Dear Dr. Friedman,

I am writing to protest the labeling of vitamins and nutrients as drugs that must be prescribed by doctors. I learned about this future initiative by the Food and Drug Administration from Dr. Atkins' November 1998 newsletter.

Imagine having to pay your doctor to get a prescription for Vitamin C when you have a common cold! This practice will only serve the doctors and pharmaceutical companies by increasing their profits. It will deny the general public from taking control of their lives by taking a proactive approach to their own health and reducing illness.

Why isn't there greater public awareness of these attempts to restrict our rights to choose our own supplements at an affordable price?  
Please tell me what can be done to avert this very serious situation.

Sincerely,



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